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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4-21 allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The 112, 1st paragraph rejection in the nonfinal office action mailed 12/10/2009 has been withdrawn in light of the response received 4/08/2010 as well as the phone interview with attorney of record Ryan Smith on 5/27/2010. The 112, 1st paragraph rejection was presented due to a concern that the hydraulic chamber being provided with a pressure would work against the disclosed motor and thereby not provide the function claimed and disclosed. The arguments as well as the interview have clarified this issue in that each the motor and the hydraulic chamber each have their respective supply lines and valves such that the hydraulic chamber is provided a pressure or a reduction of pressure corresponding to the movement of the motor such that hydraulic chamber pressure acts in serial with and in conjunction with, not against, the motion of the motor such that the load of the motor is reduced. Support for this is also found in the specification. Therefore, the 112, 1st paragraph rejection of the nonfinal mailed 12/10/2009 has been withdrawn and the case is in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNA MOMPER whose telephone number is (571)270-5788. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00-3:30 (First Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on (571) 272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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